

# CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



FEBRUARY 25, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF LENT

## THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

**THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC AT CHRIST CHURCH.** Since the earliest days of our parish, music has been central to Christ Church. From the music-making of the choirs, clergy, and congregation to concert presentations of the highest caliber, Christ Church offers our parishioners and the wider community a unique opportunity to experience the beauty of God and to celebrate the gifts given to this congregation. Through music, we are unified—drawn together in an art form that becomes prayer and praise. For information about Christ Church's music program, contact [Bruce Barber](#), Director of Music. For information on having your child participate in our Chorister program, please contact [Jo Harney](#), Director of Choristers.

### **The Christ Church Choir Sings the Music of Maurice Duruflé Today**

The Christ Church Choir with guest organist Nathan Laube, guest cellist Gloria dePasquale, and chamber ensemble will sing music of Maurice Duruflé today at 4 PM in the Church. Works include *Suite for Organ*, Op. 5, two *Quatre Motets*, and the *Requiem Mass* in a reflective concert this Lent. Soloists for the *Requiem Mass* are mezzo-soprano Sylvia Leith and bass-baritone Edmund Milly, both soloists from our December 2022 *Messiah* performance. Mr. Laube is Associate Professor of Organ at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, and Ms. dePasquale is a recently retired, longtime member of the Philadelphia Orchestra cello section. This concert is open to all free of charge, and a freewill offering will be received. Click [here](#) to reserve a seat.

## **DINE WITH THE LADIES – TOMORROW**

On the fourth Monday of each month, a group of women meets for an informal dinner in Greenville. This is a great opportunity to connect with other women in the parish, and all women are invited. The group will meet at Pizza by Elizabeths tomorrow, February 26, at 7 PM. Click [here](#) to RSVP today.

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## **WHERE IS GOD IN ALL THE SUFFERING? – WEDNESDAYS THROUGH MARCH 20**

“Suffering affects us all. We live in a world filled with injustice, natural disasters, poverty, and pandemics. We experience grief, pain, and unfairness. We all want an explanation for these realities, and for many, they present a major barrier to belief in a loving God. How does the Christian faith speak to the human experience of suffering, and, wonderfully, offer real hope for us all?” – from *Where is God in All the Suffering?* by Amy Orr-Ewing. Please join us this Lent on Wednesdays, February 28, March 6, 13, and 20, as we discuss this book's themes and teachings. Ruth will lead our conversation alongside parish clergy and other community partners. We will share a simple meal at 6:30 PM in Parish Hall C and conclude at 8 PM. Copies of the book are available for purchase, though you may participate without reading the book. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

## **FEBRUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION**

February's collection benefits those participating in programs with SOAR (Survivors of Abuse in Recovery) and STEHM (Supportive Transitional & Emergency Housing Ministry). Travel-sized toiletry items, bleach spray cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, sponges, microfiber cleaning cloths, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, Ziploc bags, and tissues may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

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## **SUBMIT A VESTRY NOMINATION – BY MARCH 1**

Do you feel called to serve your parish community as a member of the vestry or know someone who would make a great candidate? We are accepting nominations for this year's vestry class. The vestry serves many important roles in partnership with our rector. Key responsibilities include setting and enabling the long-term vision and purpose of the parish and ensuring its ongoing health and vitality through sound spiritual and financial stewardship of our congregation and beautiful campus. As part of this, setting ministry budget priorities is a key responsibility. If interested in learning more or submitting a nomination, please contact any member of the vestry, including this year's outgoing class: [Louise Barton](#), [Sherri Howell](#), [Mike Rushlow](#), or [Suzanne Smith](#).

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## **CHORAL EVENSONG – MARCH 3**

Choral Evensong will be held next Sunday, March 3, at 4 PM in the Church and will include the Great Litany in Procession and music by Victor Judson Schramm, Philip Radcliffe, and Henry Purcell. David Schelat, Director of Music at First & Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, will play an organ prelude beginning at 3:30 PM.

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## **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – MARCH 6**

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, March 6, from 10:45 to 11:45 AM in the Commons Room, sponsored by Christ Church's Elder Ministry. Gather with friends for meaningful conversation and make new friends over coffee, tea, and snacks. Bring a friend along for this time of fun and fellowship and then stay for the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.

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## **LGBTQ+ GATHERING – MARCH 8**

All are welcome to join Christ Church's LGBTQ+ ministry for hors d'oeuvres and fellowship at Roi Barnard's home in Hockessin on Friday, March 8, at 6 PM. For details and to RSVP, email [Jordan Kinsey](#).

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## **REMEMBER LOVED ONES THIS EASTER – BY MARCH 11**

To remember someone with a contribution for special flowers or music at Easter this year, click [here](#) to submit your names and contribute online or mail a check made payable to Christ Church along with your memorial names to P. O. Box 3510, Wilmington, DE 19807 by Monday, March 11. All memorials will be listed in the Easter Day bulletins.

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## **UPCOMING BAPTISMAL SERVICES – MARCH 31 & MAY 19**

The sacrament of Holy Baptism will take place on Easter Day, March 31, at 6 AM and on the Day of Pentecost, May 19, at 10:30 AM. Preparation meetings for parents and godparents will be held prior to both dates. To participate in either service, please contact [Jane Rubini](#) or call (302) 655-3379.

## **PLAN YOUR SUMMER VACATION AT MEMORIAL HOUSE – AUGUST 2-9**

Spend a week of fun with other members of Christ Church at Memorial House—the retreat center of the Episcopal Church in Delaware—from Friday, August 2 through Friday, August 9. The Rev. Stacey Carpenter will be our host for the week. Memorial House is nestled in the pines section of Rehoboth, two blocks from the beach. Homemade meals are provided for breakfast and dinner, so you can relax, play, and connect with others, with nature, and with God. For more information or to make a reservation, click [here](#).

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## **CHRIST CHURCH'S MINISTRY MATCH DISCOVERY TOOL**

Christ Church's Ministry Match Discovery Tool is a new approach to meet your desire to serve with ministry opportunities at Christ Church and with our neighbors in need. Click [here](#) to complete a short survey about your preferences and see your results immediately. Our prayer is that the Ministry Match Discovery Tool helps us match you with possibilities and particular ways to engage in ministry at Christ Church that are meaningful and joyful, and we invite your participation!

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## **ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK SALE**

St. Michael's School & Nursery was established in 1890 by the Episcopal Church in Delaware to care for children of working parents. At Christ Church, we sell books donated by parishioners for just 50 cents per paperback and \$1.00 per hardback. All proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund at St. Michael's. Visit the St. Michael's Book Nook between the Commons Room and Parish Hall C in the Parish Center to find your next good read!

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## **WEAR YOUR CHRIST CHURCH NAME TAG**

Please help us build community as we get to know fellow parishioners and newcomers by wearing your Christ Church name tag when you come to church. Tags are hard plastic with a magnetic clip. Click [here](#) or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379 to order yours.

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## **MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God

in loving memory of

Douglas G. and Mary C. McPherson

Travis L. and Doris L. Moye

and in loving memory of

Richard and Kay King

Lillian and Pat Reilly

Sam and Bell King

*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.*

**NEW HERE?** Scan the QR code to let us know or complete the card in the pews and place it in the offering plate.



#### **PARISH CLERGY**

The Rev. Ruth Beresford, *Rector*  
The Rev. Michael Kurth, *Associate Rector/Preschool Chaplain*  
The Rev. Stacey Carpenter, *Priest Associate*  
The Very Rev. William Lane, The Rev. Calhoun Wick, *Pastoral Associates*

#### **LAY MINISTRY STAFF**

Bruce Barber, *Director of Music*  
Denise Gilliam, *Interim Head of School*  
Jo Harney, *Director of Choristers*

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE & FACILITIES STAFF**

Sherry Lawton-Fasic, *Parish Administrator*  
Terri Carpe, *Finance Manager*  
Jennifer Fordham, *School Administrator*  
Deb Piper, *Philanthropy/Stewardship Associate*  
Jane Rubini, *Administrative Associate*  
Nigel Sanderson, *Livestream Technician*  
Michael Sayer, *Facilities Manager*  
Deborah Webb, *Communications Associate/Graphic Designer*  
Leroy Folks, Andy Marine, Charles Parfitt-Simpson, *Sextons*

#### **VESTRY & OFFICERS**

Michael Flynn, *Senior Warden*; Suzanne Smith, '24, *Junior Warden*  
Mark Parsells, *Treasurer*; Bob Reardon, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Jennifer O'Connor, *Clerk*; Alexander Maynard, *Youth Representative*  
Chuck Arensberg, '26; Louise Barton, '24; Audrey Bruce, '25; Sherri Howell, '24  
Ted Ledden, '25; Scott Nickle, '26; Eliza Phillips, '25; Bart Reese, '25  
Mike Rushlow, '24; Jaqueline Whalen, '26; Alexia Wolf, '26

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